

Mental Health Counselors (21-1014)

Occupation description: Counsel with emphasis on prevention. Work with individuals and groups to promote optimum mental and emotional health. May help individuals deal with issues associated with addictions and substance abuse; family, parenting, and marital problems; stress management; self-esteem; and aging. Excludes "Social Workers" (21-1021 through 21-1029), "Psychiatrists" (29-1066), and "Psychologists" (19-3031 through 19-3039).

Employment and Job Openings

| | Average employment | | | Average annual openings | | |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------|
| | 2010 estimate | 2020 projection | Percent change | Growth | Replacement | Total |
| Alaska | 332 | 419 | 26.2 | 9 | 11 | 20 |
| United States | 120,300 | 163,900 | 36.2 | 4,360 | 2,580 | 6,940 |

Job outlook

Alaska: Alaska's employment growth is robust with high employment opportunities. [Read more.](#)

2013 Wages ?

| | Mean Wage and 95% Confidence Interval | | | Wage by Percentile | | |
|------------------------------------|--|-------|-------|--------------------|--------|-------|
| | Low | Mean | High | 10th | Median | 90th |
| United States | n/a | 21.01 | n/a | 12.43 | 19.51 | 32.22 |
| Alaska | 25.87 | 27.43 | 28.99 | 15.63 | 27.08 | 40.21 |
| Anchorage/Mat-Su Area (MSA) | 28.20 | 29.65 | 31.10 | 19.33 | 29.32 | 40.30 |
| Fairbanks North Star Borough (MSA) | 24.95 | 27.30 | 29.65 | 17.72 | 25.92 | 40.74 |
| Southeast Region | 16.31 | 19.30 | 22.29 | 10.30 | 17.70 | 32.31 |
| Balance of State | 26.65 | 29.35 | 32.05 | 16.25 | 28.50 | 42.36 |

Labor Force Indicators

2012 Worker Characteristics

| Total workers | Nonresident workers | Percent nonresident | Percent age 45 plus | Percent age 50 plus |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 351 | 27 | 7.7 | 47.3 | 34.6 |

2012 Potential Supply

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| Qualified but working in another occupation | 80 |
| Currently employed in a lower paid occupation | 23 |
| UI claimants previously working in occupation | 34 |

2012 ALEXsys Employment Data

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| Number of registrants | 463 |
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| Number of job position postings | 257 |
| Ratio of registrants to job position postings | 1.8 |

Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training

Education: Master's degree

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: Internship/Residency

Training Resources

| | Degree |
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| Regional Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor Training | |
| Correspondence Courses | |
| Onsite Training | |
| Substance Abuse Training Academy | Certificate |
| St. Hermans Theological Seminary | |
| Substance Abuse Treatment Training | |

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